

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALUTE TO JUDGE A. LEON
HIGGINBOTHAM, JR.

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 1996

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and my privilege to rise today to pay a special tribute to a great American, Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. This man is an inspiration to those of us who are fortunate enough to be familiar with his works, and we as a nation are much better because of him and his works. Over the years I have had the great fortune to work with and get to know Judge Higginbotham, and from these experiences I have grown to consider him not only a friend, but a mentor.

Born in Trenton, NJ, Judge Higginbotham has become one of the most respected jurists of our day, not to mention a celebrated civil rights leader and an acclaimed professor at Harvard University. He serves today not only as an inspiration to all African-Americans, but also to all Americans who admire hard work and respect the freedoms and rights on which this Nation was founded.

Judge Higginbotham began his legal career in Pennsylvania, where he was appointed assistant district attorney in Philadelphia in the early 1950's. From there, he went on to serve as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Rights Commission and in 1959 he was elected president of the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP. During this time he was also a partner in the law firm of Norris, Green, Harris & Higginbotham.

From 1960 to 1962, Judge Higginbotham was a special hearing officer for conscientious objectors at the Department of Justice, and from there he went on to become the first black commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission. From 1964 to 1977, he was a judge on the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He left that job to sit on the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 1977 to his retirement in March 1993. For the last 4 years of his term, he served as only the third black judge to become chief judge of a circuit.

During this time Judge Higginbotham was also able to write and publish the highly acclaimed book, "In the Matter of Color: Race and the American Legal Process." Throughout his career, Judge Higginbotham's voice has been one of the clearest and most distinguished in the area of using the law to promote civil rights. He has also become, over the years, one of the most respected voices in the civil rights movement.

In Judge Higginbotham's case, retirement does not mean rest. He is currently a professor at Harvard and a practicing counsel to Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, which has offices in both New York and Washington, DC. He has also remained active in civil rights organizations such as the NAACP, and I look forward to working with him in the years to come.

As even a modest perusal of his career will indicate, Judge Higginbotham's life can be summed up in one word: service. Judge Higginbotham's selfless dedication in applying his knowledge and talents to the betterment of all Americans should serve as an inspiration to all, regardless of their race, gender, or political beliefs. It is an honor to be able to salute him in these pages, and I look forward to many more years of his work on behalf of our Nation.

HELP OTHER PEOPLE EAT [HOPE]
DAY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the New York Chiropractic Council and Long Island Cares for their commitment to end hunger on Long Island. In 1991, the New York Chiropractic Council created Help Other People Eat [HOPE] Day in an effort to fight the pervasive and increasing problem of hunger in the community.

The past 5 years, HOPE Day has raised over 200,000 pounds of food. This food was donated by chiropractic patients who received their adjustments/examinations from 400 HOPE Day chiropractic doctors for free in exchange for contributions of nonperishable food.

Today is HOPE Day 1996. This year, all of the food collected will be given to Long Island Cares for distribution to food agencies feeding hungry men, women, and children throughout New York. I congratulate the patients and the doctors who by their humanitarian efforts are helping the needy and the hungry.

Mr. Speaker, in time of reduced public benefits, an event such as HOPE Day 1996 deserves our respect and admiration. I thank all of those who are making HOPE Day 1996 a success.

TRIBUTE TO CLAIR A. HILL

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 1996

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and my distinguished colleague, Mr. HERGER, to recognize the lifetime achievement of Clair A. Hill.

Mr. Hill has been an integral part of the management of California's water resources for over three decades, serving as vice-chair and as chairman of the California Water Commission.

In addition to his strong leadership on the water commission, Mr. Hill served as director of the California Chamber of Commerce and was an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Hill has exhibited unfailing dedication toward the development of responsible and effective management of California's water supply.

His efforts in this regard prompted the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to honor him with its citizen award for his outstanding lifelong commitment to the wise use and development of California's water resources.

On behalf of Mr. HERGER and myself, I want to thank Mr. Hill for his extraordinary commitment and dedicated service to the people of the State of California.

TRIBUTE TO CLAIR A. HILL

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 1996

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning, to recognize Clair A. Hill, an outstanding leader in the State of California.

Mr. Hill has been an active public servant in northern California for 30 years and has served as chairman of the California Water Commission, a director of the California Chamber of Commerce, and an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

His dedication to the balanced management of California's water supply was recognized by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in its citizen award to him for outstanding lifelong commitment to the wise use and development of California's water resources.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to submit for the RECORD the following written tribute to Mr. Hill in recognition of his distinguished public service and his extraordinary efforts to improve California water management.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLAIR A. HILL FOR
EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Whereas, Clair A. Hill is leaving the California Water Commission after 30 years of public service on this body, his tenure having spanned the terms of seven governors; and

Whereas, Mr. Hill began his service on the California Water Commission in 1949, when it was then known as the State Water Resources Board, and has ably served as Vice-Chair and Chair of that body; and

Whereas, His interest in, and dedication to, multi-purposed coordinated management of California's water supply was recognized by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in its Citizen Award to him for "outstanding lifelong commitment to the wise use and development of California's water resources"; and

Whereas, Mr. Hill's history of involvement in water resources management at the statewide level is demonstrated by his long association with the California Water Plan. In 1957, he signed the State Water Resources Board's letter transmitting Department of Water Resources Bulletin 3, the first California water plan. In his most recent term on the California Water Commission, he participated in the Commission public hearing on the latest update of the plan; and

Whereas, As fishery issues have increasingly become an important component of water resources management, Mr.

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